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## Donna...

still needs **ONE MORE PLAYER!** Do you believe this!? For those of you new to this, ha!, Donna is a game of 'Gunboat' Diplomacy, that is to say that it's Diplomacy without the diplomacy. The game is played just as regular Diplomacy, except that none of the players knows who the others are. The only way for players to communicate is through game 'press.' Gives those of you with reputations that precede you a chance to play without getting ganged up on.

also

'Ed' was to be a game of Perestroika Diplomacy, but that will be postponed until further notice, instead, 'Ed' is now a game of Regular Diplomacy and 7 players are needed. Players cannot currently be playing in any other game in the Trib besides 'Donna.'

## Holiday Special!

During the months of **November** and **December** only, the Trib is running a Holiday Subscription Special. Any **new** subscriber during those months plays his first game free, ie: no game fee. In addition, if that new subscriber says that he was referred, by you, to **The Diplomacy Tribune**, you get 4 issues added to your subscription, **free**. This is in addition to any



normal subscription extentions you may be receiving. New subbers that finish their game, or the stand-by that took over, will receive the three issue sub extention, just as if they paid a game-fee.

## Deadline

all games

**November 28th,  
1990**

How's that, I changed it again!  
Somebody moaned, so I  
compromised.

## Updates

They're playing with Richard Renner's zip code again, just how is detailed in "Barb's" press.

A new player has taken over Bernie Oaklyn's position as England in "Carl." He is Frank VanDok. He'll be running England into Empire status or into the ground whatever the case may be, it's up to him now.

Who is John Schultz anyway? Well, he's playing Turkey in 'Barb', no help huh? Well there's a picture of him there, take a look.

Speaking of pictures, that makes a grand total of three the Trib has received in 20

months of asking. As you know, I send so many samples out every month, and I've even got subscriptions out of it, but many times I get a letter thanking me for the sample but saying that the Trib lacks reader's letters and editorials, etc., and they apologise, but the Trib just doesn't have the content the get them to subscribe. Ok, where do you get content? There's lots to write about, sure, there's Iraq, the economy, the elections, gas prices, the ecology, sports, and on, and on, and on. All of these are items that are covered exceptionally well by publications like Newsweek, Time, innumerable newspapers and television. I mean if you really want my views on politics, here you go; *Politics: A method used by lying, shifty, con-men to get money from millions of people at once.* And religion, that's easy, just ditto the Politics. There, you have my views, doesn't quite fill the page, does it? So, once again I ask you, that get the Trib, what do you want? What do you think will attract new subscribers so the same twelve guys won't be playing the same three games for the next two years?

'Abe' and 'Barb' will be ending fairly soon. When they do, what will happen to the Trib? I have this awful feeling that there will be the few remaining 'Carl' players and then the Trib will fade into oblivion.





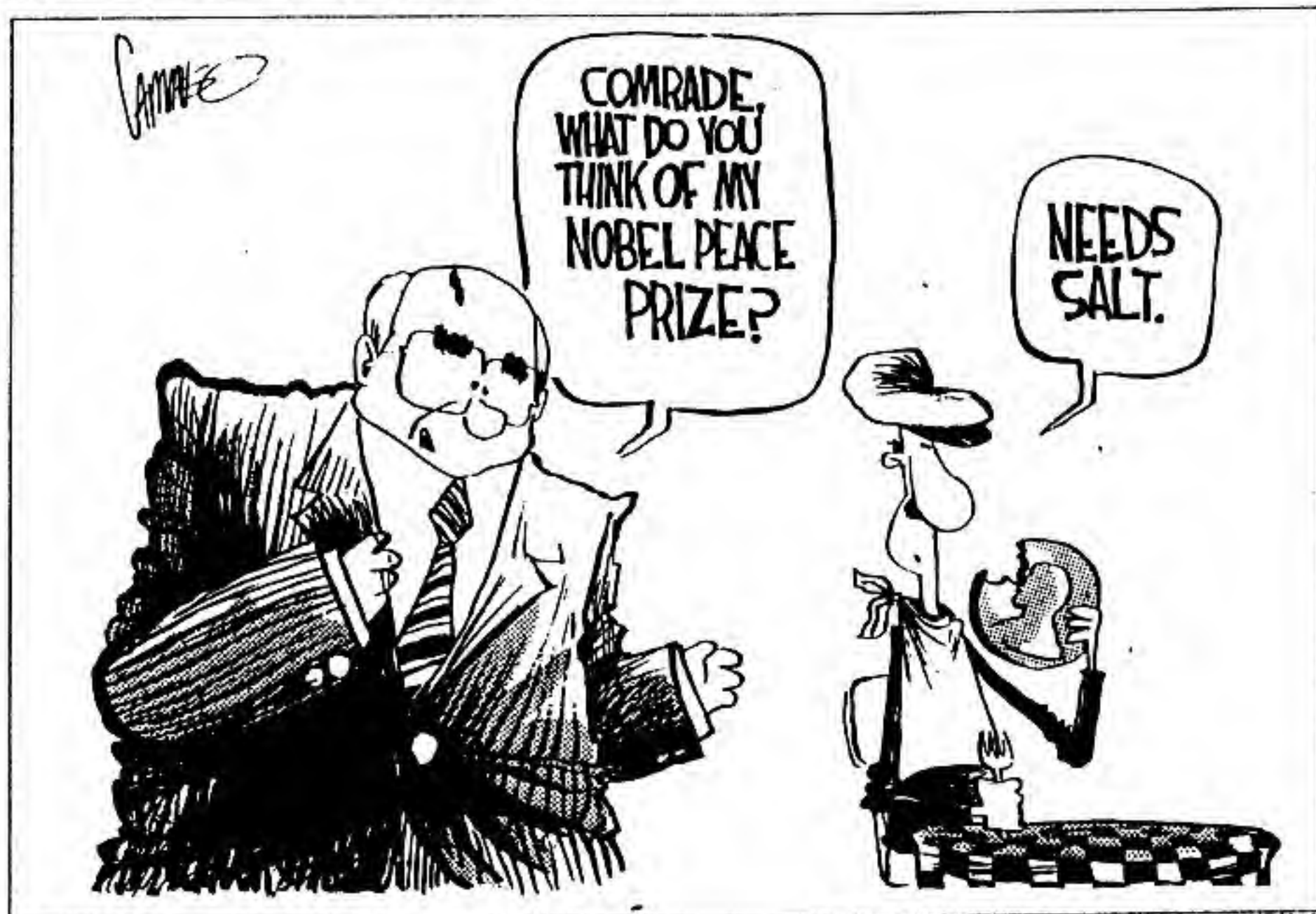
## Overheard

**I**'m Dan Quayle. I'm Dan Quayle. I'm Dan Quayle. I am Dan Quayle. The real Dan Quayle. The real Dan Quayle stand up. I'm Dan Quayle. I'm Dan Quayle."

DAN QUAYLE, in a transcript of an eloquence-training lesson soon after George Bush selected him as his running mate

**W**hat do you do if you're in a room with Muammar Kaddafi, Saddam Hussein and John Sununu and you have a gun that has only two bullets? Shoot Sununu twice."

Massachusetts Gov. MICHAEL DUKAKIS, telling a joke about White House chief of staff John Sununu, who was Dukakis's nemesis in the 1988 presidential campaign



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**I** want to say to the family of Mr. Truesdale, 'I'm dead. You don't have to hate me anymore'."

Convicted murderer WILBERT LEE EVANS, just before he was executed last week in Virginia for killing sheriff's deputy William Truesdale

**S**atan, you demonic spirit, I bind you in Jesus' name. Loose those finances. Mountain of bills, be thou removed. Be cast into the sea. Go. Go. Go. La-ba-sue."

ROBERT TILTON, the new ratings favorite among televangelists, speaking in tongues during a recent broadcast in which he asked viewers to each pledge \$1,000

**G**ive him a couple million. He shouldn't have to take a second job to support himself or anything."

Oakland Athletics slugger JOSE CANSECO, on why Cincinnati Reds pitcher Rob Dibble should earn more than \$200,000 a year

**V**ote for Mestrinho. He could be your father."

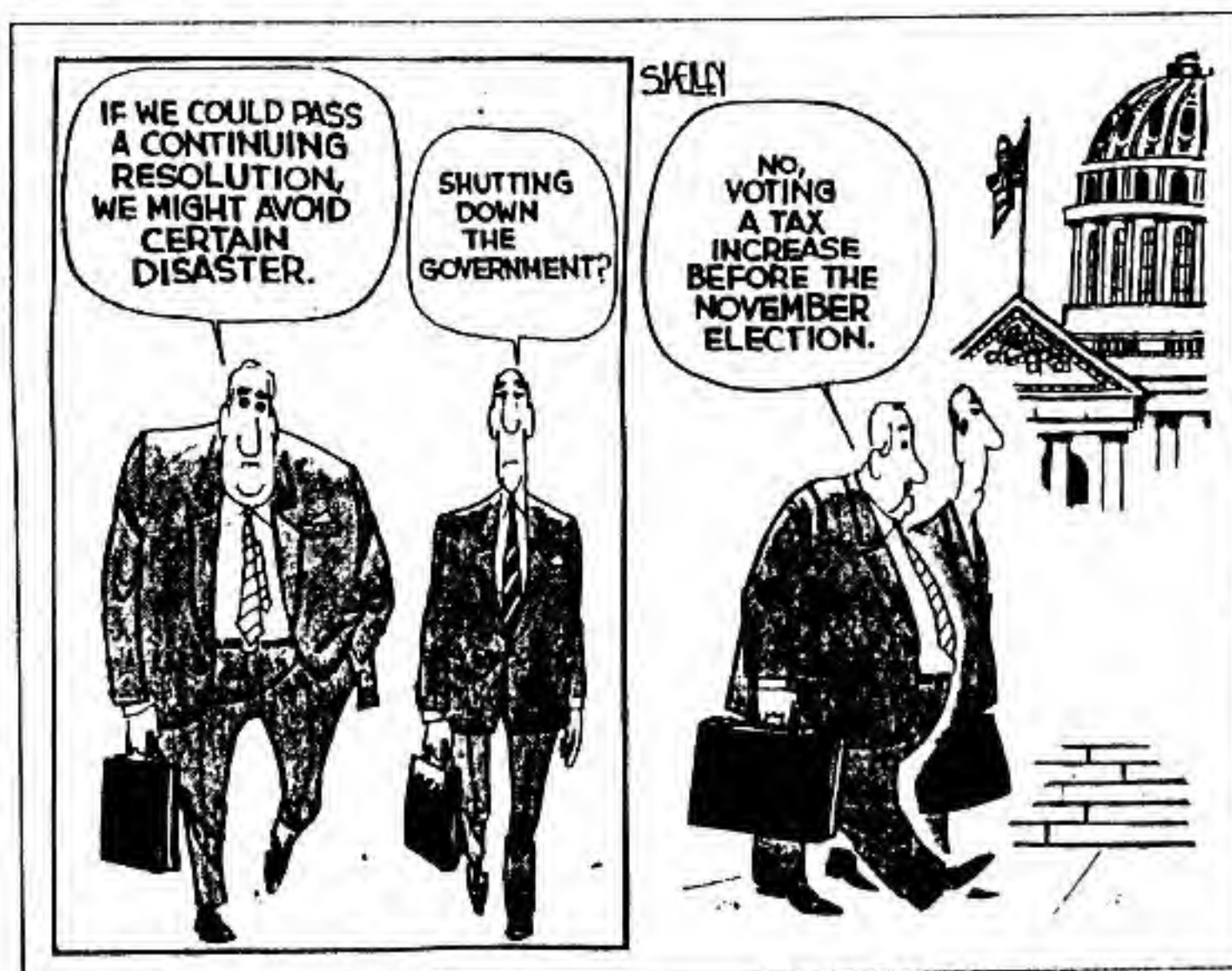
A campaign slogan circulated by the political enemies of Brazilian gubernatorial candidate Gilberto Mestrinho, who has fathered nine children by four women

**E**ugene, we're all grown-up adults here."

Florida Assistant State Attorney LESLIE ROBSON, to Deputy Sheriff Eugene McCloud, who became embarrassed while translating raunchy lyrics during the 2 Live Crew trial

**T**he jurors have an unusual request. They want to know if they can laugh. Some of them are having some physical pain."

Florida Judge JUNE JOHNSON, in the 2 Live Crew case



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Spring 1906 Moves

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**NEW ITALIAN PM TAKES UP REINS  
BATTLE OF WARSAW STALEMATE!**

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Moves

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**England**(Lachik): F Nao-Mao, F Nth-Bel, F Iri-Ech, A Lvp-Wal  
**Germany**(Armstrong): F Bal-Liv, A Mun-Hold, A Ber-S A Mun, A Bur-Gas,  
 A Kie-S A Mun  
**Russia**(Green): A Stp-Mos, A War-S A Stp-Mos, A Pru-S A War  
**Austria**(Diehl): F Bul(sc)-Hold, A Vie-Boh, A Gal-S A Sil-War,  
A Mos-S A Sil-War, A Tyl-S A Boh-Mun, A Sil-War,  
A Boh-Mun, A Sev-S A Mos, A Bud-Rum  
**Italy**(Kille): F Tys-Ion, F Spa(sc)-Hold, F Gol-S F Spa,  
 F Wme-S F Spa, A Pie-Ven, A Tus-S A Pie-Ven,  
 A Con-Hold, A Arm-Hold  
**France**(Sweeney): F Por-Spa(nc), F Bre-Ech, A Mar-Bur, A Gas-Mar,  
 A Par-S A Mar-Bur

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Board Status

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**England:** F Mao, F Iri, F Bel, A Wal  
**Germany:** F Liv, A Gas, A Mun, A Kie, A Ber  
**Russia:** A Pru, A War, A Stp  
**Austria:** F Bul(sc), A Rum, A Sev, A Mos, A Gal, A Vie, A Sil, A Boh,  
 A Tyl  
**Italy:** F Spa(sc), F Wme, F Gol, F Ion, A Ven, A Tus, A Con, A Arm  
**France:** F Por, F Bre, A Par, A Bur, A Mar

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Press

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**Open letter to the world from the Prime Minnister of Italy:** Gentleman, it is with great sadness that I have to report that Italy's King is no longer with us. We as leaders of both just and legal governments will find little solace in knowing that the ones responsible for this vile act have been brought to justice, and that despite the loss of our great king, Italy is still in possession of a fully working and peace minded government. Therefore, at this time, let me extend the hand of friendship to all, yet let me warn you all that Italy holds firmly the belief that those lands and territories now under her control are hers alone and are not to be looked upon as further bounty to be reaped by those among us with more aggressive appetites. Thank You, Thomas Kille, P.M. Italia

**Beethoven-Purcell:** (in an exasperated voice) Let me guess... the army went to Liverpool to stop for tea? (pause) Would you care to bring it to the continent to claim your rightful prizes of BRE & BEL? I'm sure you can arrange some sort of deal with the Italians.

**Beethoven-GM:** O.K., I withdraw the proposal to concede the game. Joe Santella's withdrawal was sudden and unexpected. I've sent out letters and I'll see what I can stir up, but I feel that while Abe isn't dead, he's at least terminally ill. Diplomacy without diplomacy is so silly.



**Beethoven-Napoleon:** By-the-way, I've been observing your progress in 'Barb' as well. What is it about England? I've seen so many otherwise good players take that nation, wage war with France, Germany, and Russia at the same time, and then act so shocked and surprised when they get mashed on. It's almost as common as the Russian 'open north & south' ploy.

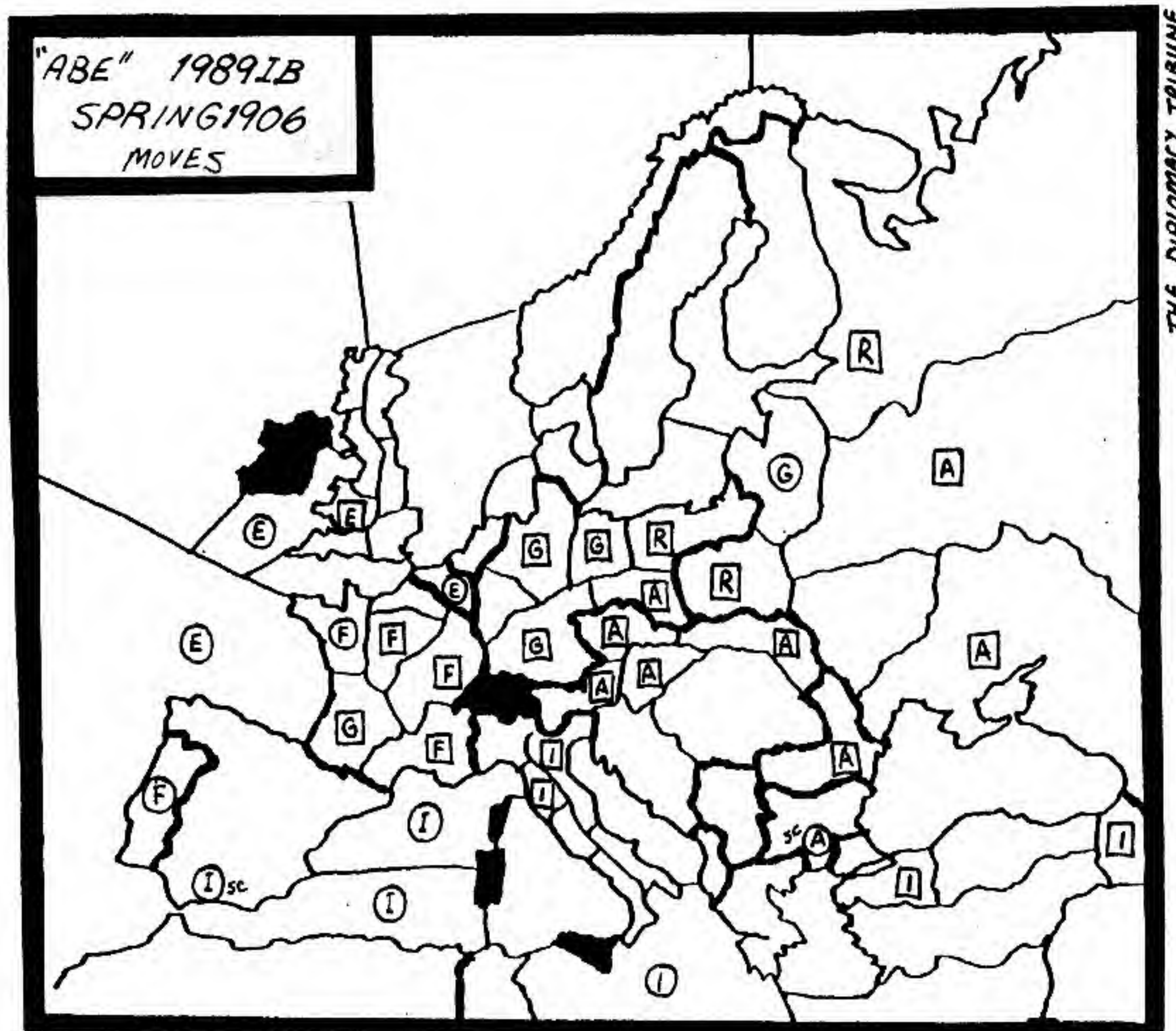
**Rus-Ger:** Way to go. I would like to report Jim Diehl as an annoying person to be executed. I think you will agree.

**Beethoven-Vivaldi:** (swatting more Austrians aside) Drat! It seems like every summer there are more of these little pest. Would you hand me a fly swatter?

**Dateline-Berlin:** Germany declares war on France! The Chancellor made the declaration official by tearing the dedication of the third symphony to the French leader apart. Afterwards, he ordered the designer of the Washington street system dug up, shot, tortured, shot again, and then dragged through the streets.

**Germany-All:** After looking at my press last turn, I realize I shouldn't have used such an inflammatory phrase as "concentration camp", "firing squad" might have been better. Appologies to any of you that I offended

Due Next: Fall 1906 Moves





Spring 1905 Moves

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**ENGLAND SMOTHERING UNDER WEIGHT OF FOREIGN INVADERS!  
NAPLES FALLS TO TURKS!**

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Moves

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England (Sweeney): F Lon-S F Nws-Nth R>Wal, F Ech-S F Nws-Nth,  
F Nws-Nth  
 Germany (Diehl): F Nth-Lon, F Den-S (R) F Nwy-Nth, A Yor-S F Nth-Lon  
 Russia (Renner): F Nwy-Nth, A Liv-S A Mos, A Mos-S A Liv, A Stp-Nwy  
 Turkey (Schultz): F Sev-Hold, F Ion-S F Apu-Nap, F Aeg-Hold,  
F Apu-Nap, A Ukr-S A War, A War-S A Ukr, A Smy-Hold  
 Austria (Wiess): F Adr-Apu, A Ber-S A Sil-Mun, A Ven-Rom, A Tri-Tyl,  
A Boh-S A Sil-Mun, A Sil-Mun  
 Italy (Kirk): F Nap-S A Rom R>Tys, A Rom-S F Nap, A Naf-Hold  
 France (Ried): F Mao-Ech, F Nao-Lvp, A Bre-Hold, A Mun-Hold,  
A Ruh-S A Mun, A Bel-Hol, A Bur-S A Mun

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Board Status

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England: F Nws, F Wal, F Ech  
 Germany: F Lon, F Den, A Yor  
 Russia: F Nth, A Nwy, A Liv, A Mos  
 Turkey: F Ion, F Aeg, F Nap, F Sev, A Smy, A Ukr, A War  
 Austria: F Apu, A Ven, A Tyl, A Boh, a Sil, A Ber  
 Italy: F Tys, A Naf, A Rom  
 France: F Mao, F Lvp, A Hol, A Mun, A Ruh, A Bur, A Bre

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Press

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GM: And now another episode of that never ending story of the guys that have been lost by the Post Awful-this month-Richard Renner. Rich Renner's zip code has been updated to the 9 digit version (which means nothing cause they don't read it anyway) The full zip-code is: 95123-1509.  
 Bud-Par: Mar, Bur, and then on to Normandy!  
 Tur-Fra: E-gads! He lives! He really lives! I'm stunned! He even wrote me a little press release. Apology accepted but extremely tardy. Thank You.  
 Budapest to Press Writer for France: Suck Muck!  
 Bud-Lon: If your fingernails are strong enough to be rescued. I'm not superman; however, and it will take me longer than a speeding bullet to get there.

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*John Schultz  
(Turkey)*



**Monte Python:** "Bring out your dead" cried Milner Number as he pushed the cart of dead games along, "Bring out your dead."

"Here's one." hailed Chancellor Beethoven as he carried Abe out to the cart.

"Nine pence." said Milner.

"I'm not dead." mumbled Abe weakly.

"What's that?" asked Milner.

"Nothing, here's your nine pence." explained Beethoven nervously as he tried to distract Milner.

"I'm not dead." repeated Abe desperately.

"He isn't?" asked Milner.

"Yes, he is." argued Beethoven.

"I'm not." cried Abe.

"Well, he soon will be; he's very ill." explained Beethoven.

"I'm getting better." pleaded Abe.

"No your not," retorted Beethoven, "you'll be stone dead in moment."

"I can't take him like that." protested Milner, "It's against regulations."

"Aw, c'mon. Do us a favor." pleaded Beethoven.

"I can't." declared Milner shaking his head.

"I don't want to go on the cart." whined Abe.

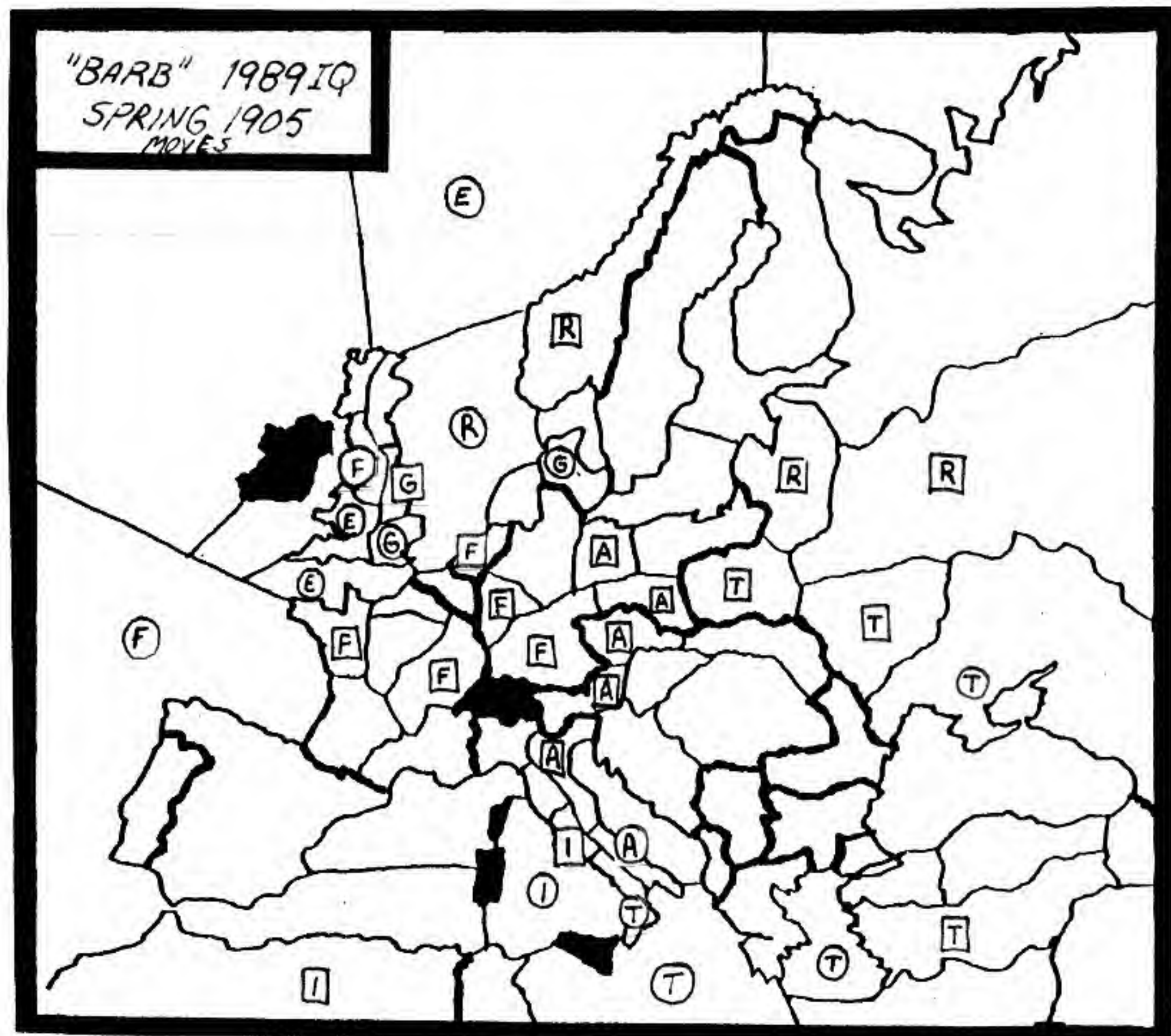
"Oh, don't be such a baby." scoffed Beethoven who turned back to Milner, "Can't you wait a while, he won't be long."

"Oh, I've got to get to the Robinsons. They've lost nine today." protested Milner.

"I think I'm going for a walk." said Abe trying unsuccessfully to get up.

"You're not fooling anyone!" scolded Beethoven who turned back to Milner, "Isn't there anything you can do." (to be continued).

Authorized,  
Chancellor Beethoven





Spring 1903 Moves

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**FRANCE & GERMANY BEGIN INVASION OF ENGLAND!  
AUSTRIANS WRAP UP INVASION OF ITALY!**

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Moves

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**England** (VanDok): F Nao-Cly, F Iri-Wal, F Ska-Nth  
**Germany** (Burgess): F Kie-Bal, F Nth-C A Hol-Edi, F Den-S F Kie-Bal,  
                           A Mun-Hold, A Bel-Hold, A Hol-Edi  
**Russia** (Renner): F Swe-S F Stp-Nwy, F Sev-Bla, F Stp(nc)-Nwy,  
                           A Rum-Ukr, A Mos-War, A Fin-Stp, A Nwy-Fin  
**Turkey** (Armstrong): F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tys, F Smy-Aeg, A Gre-Bul,  
                           A Con-Bul  
**Austria** (Johnson): F Nap-Rom, A Ven-S F Nap-Rom, A Tri-S A Tyl,  
                           A Bud-Vie, A Tyl-S A Vie-Boh, A Vie-Boh  
**Italy** (None): A Apu-Hold, A Rom-Hold ->Disbands  
**France** (Kirk): F Mao-Wme, F Ech-C A Bre-Lon, A Bre-Lon, A Par-Pic,  
                           A Gas-Spa

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Board Status

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**England:** F Cly, F Wal, F Ska  
**Germany:** F Bal, F Nth, F Den, A Mun, A Edi, A Bel  
**Russia:** F Nwy, F Swe, F Bla, A Fin, A Stp, A War, A Ukr  
**Turkey:** F Tys, F Ion, F Aeg, A Gre, A Con  
**Austria:** F Rom, A Ven, A Tri, A Vie, A Tyl, A Boh  
**Italy:** A Apu  
**France:** F Ech, F Wme, A Pic, A Spa, A Lon

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Press

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**Liverpool:** The New PM of England gave his first speech today, moving the crowd to great cheers and finishing with; "We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing strips. We shall fight in the city streets. We shall fight in the fields. We shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender!"

**Rus-Tur:** Some concern about the Black Sea, lets try to examine our options. A war would hinder both of our overall goals. You are invited to notice my RUM-UKR orders.

**The Turkish Observer:** Here are some of the headlines in the Turkish news this past season: TURKEY DECLARES WAR ON ITALY, ARMSTRONGSHISH VOWS TO RECLAIM AFRICA, TROOPS GROWING RESTLESS; WANT TO SEE SOME FIGHTING IN THIS WAR, RELATIONS WITH VIENNA STILL UNCERTAIN, VICTORY IN "SUR-REAL" PRESS WAR OVER "THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST"

**Istanbul-Vienna:** When you called me, "Little Sultan", I hope you meant that in a positive way or I may have to drag you by your most uncivil tongue up and down the streets of Vienna. I don't know what you're gloating about either; it's not like I need any help to kick your butt. I suggest you stop provoking me.

**Announcer-All:** What nation will collapse next season. Tune in next time boys and girls...

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